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**Inmate Death at FMC Devens**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Saturday, December 12, 2020, inmate David Rowe tested positive for COVID-19 and was immediately placed in medical isolation at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Devens in Ayer, Massachusetts. On Wednesday, December 16, 2020, he was transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation due to a fever and inability to maintain a sufficient oxygen level. On Wednesday, December 23, 2020, Mr. Rowe, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Rowe was a 73-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Maryland to a 144-month sentence for Use of an Interstate Commerce Facility to Entice a Minor to Engage in Sexual Activity. He had been in custody at FMC Devens since June 7, 2017.

FMC Devens is an administrative security facility that currently houses 749 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at [www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp](http://www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp).

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